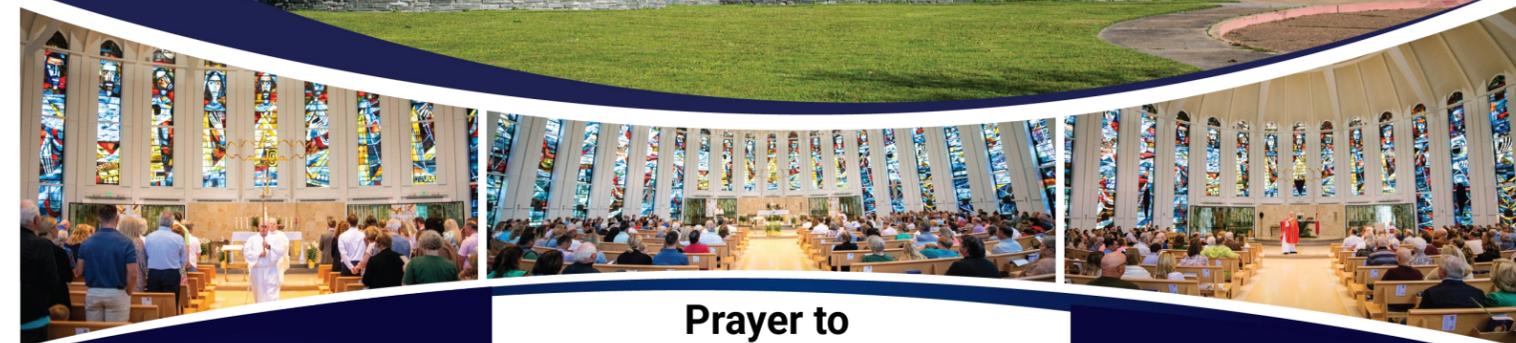


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of March 14 & 15, 2026

Established 1917



In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken Families

In Memory of **Kathy Theriot**
11/27/45-12/28/20
We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts.
Love, Bubba and your family

In loving memory of **Nicolas & Loyce Hire**
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Always in our hearts **Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr., Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard**

In Loving Memory of **Berniece Louise Garner**
Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022
Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"

NEW TO THE PARISH:
If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!

WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.
The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

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HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!
Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org

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Remember in Prayer the **Misko & Skrmetta Families**

In Loving Memory of **Steve and (Mary (Zorich) Thian and Edwin R. and Alice (Knebel) Ott**
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In loving memory of Jack Kelly who passed away on February 21, 2026. Jack was a faithful member of our church for many years, and he will be deeply missed. A funeral service will be held at St. Michael church on March 17, 2026 at 11:00 am

Altar Server

Sue's Home, a faith based transitional housing program for women located in Ocean Springs, is currently in need of female volunteers who can drive current residents to/from appointments, errands, work etc. This would be typically Mon-Fri, 8am to 7pm. Volunteers would use their own vehicle and select their own available times and days. If you can help or know someone who can help, please contact Jessica Alman at 1-609-694-3208.

Your ad here

Confessions
Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment
Office Hours
Tuesday—Thursday
8:30 - 2:30 pm
or as posted

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Schedule
Weekends
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am
Weekdays
Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

Robert Wescovich Jr., Deacon | Jessica Gollott, Administrative Assistant



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Mar 14.....For the people
 Sun, Mar 15.....+Pete Misko
 Tue, Mar 17.....+Katie Lynn Pizzetta
 Wed, Mar 18..... Brian, Savannah, Carter, &
 Jane Kozlowski
 Thu, Mar 19.....+Anna Smolcich
 Fri, Mar 20.....Special Intention

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA APR 1 6:30pm: The topic this week is “God *en-joins*: Sexual Morality, Theology of the Body; Presentation of the Creed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on April 18 at the 5pm Mass. To register your child, please take a Childhood Sacrament Registration form from the table in the vestibule and return it to the parish office by March 18. Questions may be directed to Ashley Rodriguez, 410.693.8825 or rodfamily2015@gmail.com.

PRIZE BINGO MAR 22: Doors open at 11am; Bingo starts at 1pm. Food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome!

IN OUR DIOCESE

NEW WINE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The New Wine Program is now accepting applications for the August 2026 Cohort, offering a formation experience designed for those serving in ministry across our parishes and schools. This program equips participants with practical ministry leadership skills rooted in the mission of the Diocese of Biloxi. Through prayer, study, and real-world application, participants are formed as confident leaders who know the faith, live it authentically, and can accompany others with clarity and purpose. Courses include foundations of Catholic belief, prayer and spiritual growth, human development and communication, evangelization and discipleship, and the mission of the Church in today’s world. Together, these courses provide both theological depth and hands-on tools for ministry. Completion of the program results in Level III Catechist Certification, making it both spiritually rich and professionally solid. If you—or someone you serve with—feel called to deepen your formation and grow in leadership, we encourage you to apply. Applications for the August 2026 Cohort are due Friday, May 29, 2026. Additional information and application materials can be found at biloxidiocese.org/new-wine.

“New wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.”
 —Mark 2:22

ALUMNI: St. Patrick, Mercy Cross, Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, and St. John: You are invited to attend the Spring Alumni Social on St. Patrick Day, March 17th from 6pm-7pm at Ellzey's 750 Howard Ave.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS

Mar 7 & 8.....\$3814.00

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Mar 14 & 15.....Catholic Relief Services

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Mar 16 Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tue Mar 17 Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
Wed Mar 18 Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thu Mar 19 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Fri Mar 20 Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloxi@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides a food pantry each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need. There is a basket in the vestibule for non perishable donations.

CARD MINISTRY Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. Please remember to keep our Inquirers, Sponsors, and Team in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

2026 Lent/Easter Season

-Stations of the Cross— Friday’s at 6 pm:
 Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
-Mar 24, Lenten Penance/Adoration— at 6 pm
-Apr 2, Holy Thu— Mass at 6 pm
-Apr 3, Good Fri— Stations at 12 noon and Liturgy at 3 pm
-Apr 4, Holy Sat— Begin at the fire pit at 7:30 pm followed by Easter Vigil Mass in the church
-Apr 5, Easter Sunday— Easter Sunday Mass at 10 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
 Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6
 The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14
 The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today’s Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man’s blindness—his own or his parents’. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man’s disability, God’s power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus’ time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week’s Gospel about Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman, today’s reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man’s encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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Lord, open our eyes to see as you see. Help us to look beyond appearances and to trust in your purpose. Lead us out of darkness and into your light. Give us faith to follow you and courage to share your love. Amen.

The Significance of the Miracle: In today’s Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind using dirt and saliva. These simple, ordinary things show that God can use anything to bring healing and grace. By using what was considered unclean in Jewish culture, Jesus shows his power to make all things holy.

This miracle also points to spiritual renewal. Just as the man’s eyes were opened, we are called to open our hearts to God. Some see this as a symbol of baptism, where water washes away sin and brings new life. The man moves from darkness to light, just as we do when we are baptized.

Jesus challenges the belief that suffering is a result of personal sin. He explains that the man’s blindness was not a punishment but an opportunity to show God’s glory. This reminds us that suffering can have a purpose beyond what we see—God works through ordinary things and we called to see our struggles not as punishments but as ways God’s power can be revealed. *Trust in God’s purpose and healing.*

Seeing With Eyes of Faith: In the first reading, God chooses David as king because of his heart, not his appearance. This teaches us to look beyond outward looks and value inner goodness. God’s vision is different from human judgment.

The second reading calls believers to live as children of light. It challenges us to leave behind sin and darkness and follow Christ’s example. By living in the light, we make God’s love and truth visible in the world.

Similarities and Differences Between Healing of the Blind Man and the Woman at the Well: This week the Gospel tells of Jesus healing a man born blind. This follows the story of the woman at the well from the previous Sunday.

Both the woman and the blind man are outcasts in their society. Jesus meets them where they are, breaking social barriers. In both cases, his actions lead to a life-changing transformation. The woman becomes a believer and a witness to her community, while the blind man gains both physical sight and spiritual insight.

Both stories reveal Jesus’ identity. To the woman, he speaks of living water, showing himself as the source of eternal life. To the blind man, he reveals himself as the Son of Man. In both encounters, Jesus shows that he is more than a healer—he is the Savior.

However, the community’s response is very different. The woman’s community is open and curious. They come to believe in Jesus because of her testimony. In contrast, the religious leaders reject the blind man’s story and refuse to believe in Jesus, showing their spiritual blindness.

These stories challenge us to respond to Jesus with open hearts and invites us to reflect on our own willingness to see and believe. Reflect: Am I open to Jesus’ message or do I allow prejudice or fear to cloud my vision? Remember—true sight comes from faith and an open heart. By seeing as God sees and trusting His purpose, we grow closer to Christ.